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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court: Medical-pot dispensaries not allowed

"The Michigan Supreme Court has struck down the legality of medical marijuana dispensaries but upheld sales between caregivers and their own patients. In an opinion released Friday, the high court said dispensaries are illegal because the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act of 2008 only offers protections to registered caregivers and their qualified patients."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan court: Medical-pot dispensaries not allowed

Full story

Associated Press: Schuette hails decision against pot shops

Full story

Associated Press: Mich. court: Medical-pot dispensaries not allowed

Full story

Note: The article also ran in several news outlets including the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Crain's Detroit Business, the Daily Tribune, the Macomb Daily, the Midland Daily News, the Oakland Press, the Times Herald/Port Huron, WILX-TV(10)/Lansing, WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit, WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit, and WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit.

Flint Journal: Medical marijuana patients, caregivers on the rise in Genesee County, data shows

Full story

Grand Rapids Press: Supreme Court ruling in Mount Pleasant medical marijuana case should clarify law, Attorney General Bill Schuette says

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Jackson County medical marijuana advocates, law enforcement react to state Supreme Court ruling on dispensaries

Kalamazoo Gazette: Medical marijuana ruling by Michigan Supreme Court prompts closure of Kalamazoo County dispensary

Full story

Lansing State Journal: Medical marijuana dispensaries not allowed, state Supreme Court rules

Full story

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Michigan Supreme Court: Medical-pot dispensaries not allowed

Full story

MLive.com: Michigan Supreme Court: Dispensaries selling medical pot can be shut down as public nuisance

Full story

MLive.com: Dispensaries illegal; Detroit medical marijuana providers to shut doors until smoke clears

Full story

Morning Sun: Dispensaries not legal under medical marijauna law

Morning Sun: Justice disagrees with medical marijuana opinion

Full story

Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon County and West Michigan have higher ratio of medical marijuana patients than rest of the state

Full story

The MiLW Blog: 'McQueen' to 'Green' — no exchange of pot legal?

Full story

WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: State Supreme Court Outlaws Pot Shops

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Judge McCree suspended without pay in scandal

"A Wayne County Circuit Court judge, previously censured for sending a shirtless photo to a county sheriff's office employee, has been suspended without pay. Judge Wade McCree's suspension over what are believed to be allegations that he had an affair with a plaintiff in a child custody case was announced today in an order from the Michigan Supreme Court."

Full story

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court suspends Judge Wade McCree without pay

Full story

Associated Press: Michigan Supreme Court suspends Wayne County judge Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Crain's Detroit Business and the Midland Daily News. MLive.com: Supreme Court suspends Detroit Judge Wade McCree amid allegations he impregnated plaintiff

Full story

The MiLW Blog: MSC suspends McCree without pay

Full story

SBM Blog: Breaking: Supreme Court Suspends Wade McCree Without Pay *Full story*

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Judge Wade McCree suspended by Michigan Supreme Court

Full story

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Michigan Supreme Court suspends judge accused of relationship with woman whose case was in his court

Full story

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Michigan Supreme Court suspends Wayne County judge Wade McCree

Full story

The Detroit News: Judge denies ouster of 7 Detroit school board members

"A lawsuit filed by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette to remove seven members of the Detroit Board of Education over allegations they were illegally elected has been dismissed."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Attorney General Bill Schuette loses effort to remove 7 of 11 Detroit Public Schools board members

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Michigan AG loses a bid to remove Detroit school board members

Full story

The Oakland Press: Schuette loses bid to remove Detroit school board members

Full story

Advance Newspapers: Wayland attorney arrested on meth charges is still practicing law

"On a tree-lined street in suburban Detroit, former Wayland attorney Patrick Burson continues to practice law. According to the Michigan Bar Association, Burson is still an active member, despite his arrest last fall on drug charges."

Full story

Daily Press & Argus: Lawyer says client's rights were violated in drug bust

"A judge granted a defense attorney's request Thursday for a hearing to determine if police violated his client's rights when they seized marijuana from his home in December 2011. Southfield attorney Neil Rockind is asking a Livingston County judge to dismiss the felony charges against his client, Dennis Keith Towne, because he says police violated his client's rights by crossing into the curtilege around his home." Full story

The Daily Tribune: Details of Gov. Snyder's latest budget plan

"... PUBLIC SAFETY: ... Adds \$2 million to the mental health court system, would allow for the maintenance of the state's nine courts and opening of new courts. Another \$3 million investment would expand the state's treatment courts and open 'regional driving while intoxicated/sobriety' courts."

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Morning Sun.

Detroit Legal News: Friday Feature: Trial run: Elementary students get a glimpse of court action

"... [The case of `Krabs v. Plankton'] was the topic of a courtroom drama played out in 52nd District Court in Clarkston last Wednesday as part of the Oakland County Bar Association's Mock Trial Program conducted annually for area elementary school students."

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Lunching with the judge

"The courtroom of Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Kathryn Viviano was the site of a recent Brown Bag lunch sponsored by the Macomb County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section."

Full story

The Morning Sun: Federal court overturns arson, murder verdict

"A federal judge has overturned the 2006 arson and murder conviction of an Isabella County man. U.S. District Judge Patrick J. Duggan reversed several state rulings in determining that Frederick Spencer's trial attorney, Joseph Barberi, was negligent in not attempting to suppress evidence from hospital bed interviews with state fire investigators."

Muskegon Chronicle: Driving up fees: Muskegon reads and reacts to Michigan's driver responsibility fees

"An MLive and Muskegon Chronicle series on Michigan's driver responsibility fees and their impact on Muskegon County's drivers and courts has generated lots of reader interest and comments."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Friend of the Court panel to meet Feb. 11

"The Oakland County Friend of the Court (FOC) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), established by Friend of the Court Act 294, 1982, Section 552.594, will meet Monday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, Pernick Conference Room, at 1200 North Telegraph in Pontiac."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Family Court introduced

"The Oakland County Bar Association New Lawyers Basic Skills Seminar Series 'Introduction to Practice' continued with a look at the topic of 'Family Court' on Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Oakland County Bar Center. Among those leading the seminar were Oakland County Friend of the Court Referee Sahera Housey and Bloomfield Hills attorney Caroline Garmo."

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Detroit Legal News.

Saginaw News: Judge: Saginaw Township police didn't violate Fourth Amendment in search, seizure of firearm from Michael Kuhlman homicide suspect

"Police did not violate constitutional search and seizure laws when they seized a firearm and extended magazine from the vehicle driven by the man charged in the May homicide of Michael Kuhlman, a judge has ruled."

Full story

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Court: Family can't sue road commission Teen died while driving to Mesick graduation

"The family of a teenager who was killed while driving to perform at a high school graduation can't sue a northern Michigan road agency over dust blamed for the fatal crash, the state Supreme Court said Thursday. The justices, 6-0, overturned a decision by the Michigan appeals court and directed a judge to dismiss the case against the Manistee County Road Commission."

Full story

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Family accusing police brutality in video of courtroom rapper

"His 'performance' in court grabbed local attention, when Callius Moon rapped his responses to a judge during his video arraignment. But now his family is concerned about the performance the police seemed to have put on."